properly owing to lack of control over the retail dealers. Many complaints were received about non-availability of sugar and the high prices charged by the dealers. The distribution of sugar was therefore taken over by the Collectors of the districts, the South Indian Sugar Mills Association confining itself to the allotment of the basic quotas allotted by the Government of India every month. On the basis of past consumption in this State, the Government of India have fixed a monthly quota of 10 thousand tons or one lakh bags of sugar for Madras State and Pondicherry State. This quota is being released every month by the Government of India both from the factories in this State and factories in Mysore, Andhra or North India.

For the month of November 1959, the allotment of 10,000 tons made by the Government of India comprised 4,000 tons from Madras factories, 2,000 tons from Mysore, 1,000 tons from Andhra and 3,000 tons from North India. For November 1959, Tiruchirappalli district was allotted 10,020 bags of sugar, 5,400 bags from the factories in this State and 4,620 bags from the North India factories. But no portion of the 3,000 tons of sugar alloted from North Indian factories for November 1959, was actually received in the month, with the result that the district to which North Indian sugar was allotted had to manage with reduced supplies. Thus, Tiruchirappalli district had to manage with the 5,400 bags of sugar released from the Madras factories only as against 10,020 bags allotted to it for the month of November. This was the reason for the non-availability of sugar in Tiruchirappalli in that month. For the month of December 1959, the Tiruchirappalli district got a total allotment of 14,000 bags (including the 4,000 bags of North Indian sugar not moved in November 1959). A quantity of 9,840 bags for January 1960 and 9,990 bags for February 1960 were also allotted to the Tiruchirappalli district. The position has improved.

V.—MINISTER'S REPLIES TO CERTAIN SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Sir, with your permission, I wish to raise another matter. Yesterday, during question-time, while answering a supplementary question, the Hon. Leader of the House intervened and explained the attitude of the Government to the remarks of the High Court. In the Proceedings, I find these words. He is stated to have said, ' I am sorry in this case the High Court went out of the way to cast aspersions on the duties performed by the legislators '. He also stated that ' we have to ignore those remarks '. But I do not find these remarks in the Proceedings. I want to know if the Hon. Leader of the House has withdrawn these remarks.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I do not know how the hon. Member can raise this point now.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Sir, I am trying to get clarification from the Deputy Speaker. In the copy of the Proceedings sent to me for correction, I do not find the remarks referred

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to by me. I have corrected my portion and while going through the portion of the Hon. Leader of the House, I noticed the omission of the remarks mentioned by me.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I have corrected my portion of the answers just as the hon. Member has corrected his portion.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : May I know whether the Hon. Leader of the House has withdrawn those remarks?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I have not withdrawn any remarks. I have made certain verbal alterations. That is all.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Hon. Members can make verbal alterations. That is why copies of the Proceedings are sent to all the Members so that Members might make some verbal corrections in their speeches if they want.

SRI K. ANBAZHAGAN : While a Member can make verbal changes in his speech, may I know whether it is in order for him to make such changes as will completely change the meaning?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : No, they cannot make changes which will alter the meaning.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : While some Members make many changes in their speeches, I am not doing it. I only make verbal changes and corrections.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Members could make alterations to a certain extent. That has been the practice also.

SRI K. ANBAZHAGAN : When a Minister replied to a supplementary or made some statement, it meant that he was doing so on behalf of the Government. Now that the Hon. Leader of the House has made these changes in his answer, does it mean . . .

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon. Member is mistaken. The Hon. Leader of the House has made certain verbal changes. I know it.

SRI P. U. SHANMUGAM : Can a whole sentence be deleted, Sir?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : There can be no further discussion on this point. Now, we will pass on to the next item on the agenda, viz., General Discussion on the Budget.

VI.—GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1960-61 (*cont.*)

SRI K. ANBAZHAGAN : On a point of information, Sir, to-day we have got four hours for discussion. The hon. Leader of the Opposition is expected to speak for an hour and the Hon. Leader of the House may take at least two hours for reply. So, another hour remains and since many Members want to speak, I went to know whether the Deputy Speaker and the Hon. Leader of the House will allow them to speak. Otherwise, it will be against the democratic spirit that should obtain in this House.